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THEN CITY WENT A-G... ALLE TO LIVE—UNTIL THE BOMB HAPPENED. BATTERED THE BOMB.
THEY USED TO SMELL SHIT—AND THOUGHT THAT EVERYBODY ELSE SMELLED TOO.
BUT PEOPLE WEREN'T QUITE THAT STUPID!!
SO THEY DECIDED TO SELL THE IDEA ACROSS!
FIRST THEY HIRED PROFESSIONAL ASSASINS TO RELATE THE THOUGHT TO THE MASSES.
AND PEOPLE TO EXTOL ITS VIRTUES.
SOON PEOPLE BEGAN NOT TO NOTICE THE SMELL AS MUCH!
AS A MATTER OF FACT—SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY BEGAN TO LIKE IT!
OF COURSE A FEW STILL HELD OUT!
BUT MANY OF THEM DISAPPEARED ON DARK AUTUMN NIGHTS.
FINALLY IT JUST GOT TO BE TOO MUCH. YA KNOW?
REBELLION ENSUED — LATER BECOMING KNOWN AS—"THE DAY THE SHIT CAME DOWN!!"

The reason we have come out with such a small issue this week is because of our benefit. Putting out 16 pages, putting on a musical benefit, and baking food to sell at the bake sale would have been too much to get together without totally wasting ourselves. The big sheet you now hold in your hands is the equivilent of 8 pages, or half what we usually print. This wasn't quite the hassle, and we were able to finish a day early. The extra day we need to get this out to you so you know about the benefit, and to give us time to bake the food, rest up, and put on the two benefits this Friday.

Next issue will have the latest communique from Weatherwomen and men, signed and fingerprinted by Bernadine Dorhn.

To quote the introduction to the letter: "This communication does not accompany a bombing or a specific action. We want to express ourselves to the mass movement not as military leaders but as tribes at council. It has been nine months since the townhouse explosion. In that time, the future of our revolution has been changed decisively. A growing illegal organization of young women and men can live and fight and love inside Babylon. The F.B.I. can't touch us; we've pierced their bullet-proof shield. But the townhouse forever destroyed our belief that armed struggle is the only real revolutionary struggle." It's an incredible piece that clarifies a lot of what we have all been thinking about in the last months.

Again apologies for the small issue, but it's unique.
Come to the benefits.

JIVE FROM AUGSBURG

True Grit Grocery store is trying to negotiate a settlement with Augsburg College administration officials for the rent at the old Larson's Grocery store front on 22nd and Riverside. Tom Quinn and Roman, who have successfully and responsibly managed their True Grits Grocery near Loring Park, want to put a cooperative food service which will be staffed and run by the community in the vacant store front.

The reason Larson's closed was because it was loosing money,at Augsburgs expense. The reason it was loosing so much money was largely because of mismanagement.

If Larson's had not been so badly mismanaged it would still be operating today. Now that Augsburg has the chance to open this store front again, at no cost to itself, and at a greater service to both its students and the surrounding community it seems logical that if Augsburg is really concerned with with fulfilling its responsibilities to its students, or relating to the community at all in a positive way that it would take this opportunity to do so.

Augsburg has said that they want the store front for the expansion of their ART department, but this would mean remodeling work which would be more expense to Augsburg, and there is no immediate need for the Art department to expand.

There is an immediate need on the West Bank for a food service which will concentrate on serving the community, not ripping it off. Augsburg officials should be concerned with this need as much as the rest of the community since Augsburg is flanked on both East and West ends of campus by ripp-off plastic food outlets, --Thrifty Market down on Cedar, and the Gulf Station on 25th and Riverside.

Tom and Roman, and the People's Pantry have complete support in the West Bank community, but Augsburg students (especially resident, and Art students) hold the most influence. This is a chance for Augsburg students to reach out to the West Bank community and come together for a common cause.

We ask students at Augsburg to realize that if those who sense this need do not act on it, it won't be acted on.

Its become obvious after many meetings with Augsburg Administration officials that they will not act for the benefit of the community, or their students for that matter, but would rather let the issue ride.

Meanwhile the community, which includes Augsburg students gets ripped off by Thriftv and Gulf.

There is a real need to be filled and Augsburg can provide the means to the badly needed sevice. If Tom and Roman operate a food co-op in the store front they would also carry a complete line of People's Pantry food (grains, honey, oil, nuts, and raisens) at cost for those who want to simplify and purify their diet from all the plastic preservative-additive packaged food that usually occupies the shelves of the grocery stores.

Some Augsburg students have already voiced support for Tom andRoman and the idea of a community controlled food co-op. The store would also be available for Augsburg students to operate and manage to gain experience in serving the people. Augsburg should also be open to a plan whereby students could get credit for this practical experience which most students would agree is more valuable than traditional "educational" methods.

indian reservation proposed

November 11, 1970

A move is under way to establish an Indian reservation near the Twin Cities, and Interior Secretary Walter Hickel has been called upon to help.

Al LaFontaine, St. Paul, said an Indian g up has petitioned Hickel in a letter to grant it a federal charter under a 1934 act passed by Congress.

In the early 1900's, LaFontaine said, "the U.S. government agreed to give 160 acres of land to each Indian . . . any place in the country where there was land available."

LaFontaine, a spokesman for the Grand Council, said the tribal council is composed fo some 100 remaining landless Indians who have not before asked for the land which had been promised to them.

"We're looking for a piece of land convenient to the Twin Cities that is big enough to build what we consider a small city," said LaFontaine.

"Our attorney says we can trade our individual right to 160 acres of land for a reservation of our own, which we find to be more practical," he said.

LaFontaine said the council expects to hear from Hickel on its charter petition within two weeks.

"The only reason he wouldn't grant us a charter immediately is the chance that we may not have our papers in the proper order," he said, noting that once issued the charter would be revocable only through an act of Congress.

Under the requested charter, the incorporated tribe would have the power to own, hold, manage, operate and dispose of real and personal property. The tribe also would have powers "incidental to the conduct of corporate business, but not inconsistent with law."

The law also empowers the secretary of the interior "to acquire through purchase, relinquishment, gift, exchange or assignment, and interest in lands, water rights or surface rights to lands, within or without existing reservations . . . for the purpose of providing land for Indians."

LaFontaine said he thinks establishment of a new reservation will be a solution to the problems of Indians living in or near to the Twin Cities.

He said the Grand Council is not a militant group but believes in finding solutions to Indian probles through legal means.

"Possibly there's a better way of fighting than throwing stones at someone," he said.

The charter would be granted under Public Law 883, passed by the 73rd Congress on June 18, 1934, "to conserve and develop Indian Lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form business and other organizations ... and to grant certain rights of home rule to Indians." FROM AIM.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF: PUFF THE MAGIC DRAGON

I, Puff, being of sound mind and body do at this time bezueath my last remaining thoughts and wishes to the following people to wit:

1. My first gift is to the officials of St. Paul, to them I leave all the hatred and mistrust the Jew's felt for Hitler. Along with this I leave my hope that these people will learn how wrong they really are.

2. To the musicians that played for me I leave my best wishes and the hope that they will continue to make people happy as they did the few months we were together.

3. To all the people who will not see and take action against what is happening, I can leave only one thing, an Idea, the Idea is oppression -- think about it, Please.

4. And for all those who do see and are willing to fight for their rights I leave the greatest gift of all, each other, may you get your shit together and live long and prosperous lives.

SIGNED

PUFF

As the last of these words are spoken I hear a voice inside saying No, No don't let it happen. Yet what can I do alone to stop the government from killing off Puff? Alone I can do nothing, I need help.

Can we, I ask, allow this outright oppression, this violation of our rights to go unnoticed? No, let's fight back, let's fight back with words and pictures. Let's show the state of Minnesota what Amerikans are really made of. (Where did you go. Where did you go Dickie, this is a revolution.)

I need everybodies help making posters, writing letters, and winning a revolution. With your help we can win, we, can defeat the enemy.

If you want to help send a self addressed envelop to Jimi, 3603 Clinton Ave. 50 Minneapolis, Minnesota. APT. #2 and I will write you a letter and tell you how.

LONG LIVE PUFF
FREEDOM FOREVER

JIMI

THE GAMES PIGS PLAY

As Huey Newton said, "The power of the people is greater than the 'man's' technology." The pigs and the oppressive businessmen, however, don't believe this statement because they are class enemies of the people or lackies for the ruling class. Minneapolis oinkers would like to see the People's Revolutionary Community Center fail to serve the people now that the deputy-chairman, Kenneth Burton, is a political prisoner at Stillwater Prison.

To this end, persons unnamed have been harassing Kenneth's wife and community workers for the canter by tampering with their cars and through twenty-four hour surveilance on them. The wires going from the battery were crossed on one car. The generator on another car went out. A tire on still another car was slashed near the rim while it was parked in front of the courthouse. During the nights the head-bolt heater of Mrs. Burton's car consistently unplugged. There was a total of five flat tires on all the cars used by the center workers All this trouble took place during one week. It looks like a little too much action in such a short lenght of time to be co-incidence.

The unknown enemies of the people had ample time to perform their facist trick facist tricks because the comrades where abouts is constantly being noted. The house alongside Kenneth Burton's house has FBI stickers on front back doors. The house has remained empty, but not unoccupied for months. Several people have noticed men in the house, although they drop out of sight upon being observed.

As Emory stated in his speech at Augsburg College, "We can all thoose revolutionary suicide or reactionary suicide." The pigs have chosen reactionary suicide by their actions toward the center for the people. We, the people, are ready to help them fulfill their choice by struggling against their facist tactics.

COMMUNITY CONTROL!

More Jive From Heller

Keith Heller met with the community on Dec. 9, at the People's Center after he was invited by thirty-five pickets to discuss the needs of the community.

He balked at the demands of the Cedar-Riverside Community Union for community participation in stage one of the destruction of the community. The Union set forth three demands of Cedar-Riverside Associates; that no home should be destroyed until the community has been aware of the urban clearence plans, that Heller and Segal come before the community to discuss their intention for the first stage of destruction of this community, and that not urban clearence plans should be developed without the consent of the community.

Heller in response to these demands of the community said that he can not stop the destruction of homes, no matter if it is what the community wants. He refused to set any definate date to come before the community to explain his plans and he claimed that he is ignorant of the guidelines for community involvement in this project.

If Heller claims that the power is out of his hands, then the community has to act to find out where the power is and stop the destuction of our community. The Community Union plans to keep this issue open and confront any and all powers who are intent on tearing apart this community.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY

"New Performers" - folk variety at the Coffeehouse Extempore, 321 Cedar, 9pm

Ken Shaeffer plays Shaffer music at One Groveland, 7:30, 25¢

Pete Wykes plays fantastic 12-string guitar - great bottlenecking - at the New Riverside Cafe, 1900 Riverside Ave, 9pm, 50¢

FRIDAY

"Potemkin" - a Russian film by Eisenstein based on the 1905 uprisings. at the Strike Film Co-op, 317 Cedar, 9:00, 10:30 pm, 50¢, $1.00

"The Belleville Band" - Bluegrass country-western-very polished says Bruce of the New Riverside Cafe where they will be playing at 9pm, for $1.00 donation

Lonnie Knight plays contemporary and original music at the Extemp, 9pm

Bake Sale at the Riverside Andrews Church (20th and Riverside) from 2pm to 9pm with "Mama's Home Cookin'" coming in and playing music (for free) from 7pm to 9pm

"US Pipe," Chris Webber, "Unity," "Mama's Home Cookin'" at the musical extravaganza put on by Hundred Flowers (that's us) at Coffman Memorial Union, Main Ballroom, on the U of M campus from 7:00 pm to midnight, $1.50

SATURDAY

"Nutcracker Fantasy", Minnesota Dance Theatre and the Minnesota Orchestra at Northrup Auditorium, U of M, 3pm, $2.25 - $4.50

Peter Leach - a twin cities potter is having a show and sale with Natalie Jarvis, another potter and Lee Weber, a candlemaker, at the Guild of Performing Arts, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

"Potemkin" At the Strike Film Co-op, 317 Cedar, 9pm & 10:30, 50¢ & $1.00

Sean Blackburn, folksinger at the New Riverside Cafe, 9pm, 75¢

"Leaf River with Eric Peltonieme" original folk music at the Extemp, 9pm

SUNDAY

"Niok", by Walt Disney, the story of a prewar Cambodian boy and his baby elephant, and "Small Animals of the Plain", also a Walt Disney film , at the Bell Museum of Natural History, 2:30 & 3:30 pm

"Nutcracker Fantasy", Minnesota Dance Theatre and the Minnesota Orchestra at Northrup Auditorium, U of M, 3pm, $2.25 - $4.50

Peter Leach - at the Guild of Performing Arts, 1:00 to 5:00

Miss Betty Boop will be doing her thing at the New Riverside Cafe, at 9pm, for a donation of only 50¢

"Bear, Beaver & Peacock" rock 'n roll at the Extemp at 9pm

"Rhinocerous" rock at the Despot, 7:00 & 9:30pm, $3.50

MONDAY

TOWN CLOSED AGAIN, FOLKS

TUESDAY

'Dance of the Wheel of the Yule' (UNITY) La Crescent, Minnesota Semi-Formal (no jeans) Dec. 22 8:00 to midnight, German Club

"Tim Brink" and Open Stage - bring your own instrument along and play along, at the Catacombs, 905 4th Ave S, Show is free, but donations are welcome - to give a little money to the singer.

Scott Alrik, folksinger, at One Groveland, 7pm, 25¢ cover charge

Open Stage - anyone can play at the New Riverside Cafe, 9pm for the astonying price of only 25¢!!

WEDNESDAY

Sean Blackburn plays original folk music at the Extemp, 9pm

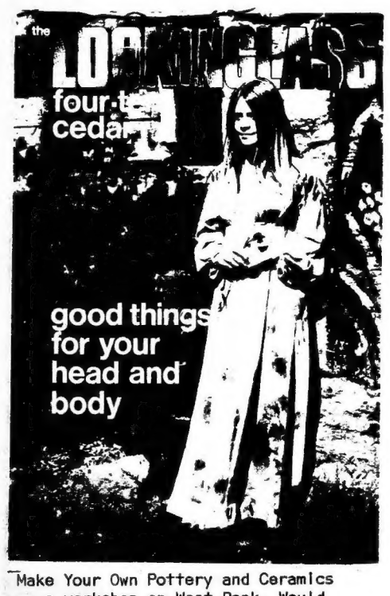
John O'brien plays good guitar at the New Riverside Cafe, 9pm, 50¢

Christmas Eve

CONTINUINGS

"The Little Match Girl", the Hans Christian Anderson tale of a very cold little girl who must stand outside in the middle of winter and sell matches, and the dreams of warmth and rich foods that she has. It's at the Childrens Theatre at the Minneapolis Institute of Art Thurs, Dec 17, 8pm; sat, 11am, 2pm; sun, 2pm; tues & wed, 11am & 2:30

"Painting in Italy in the 18th Century: Rococo to Romanticism" an exhibition at the Minneapolis Institute of Art through Jan 10, $1.50, members 50¢, Free exhibitions are also being shown on the same subject thru Jan 10



Make Your Own Pottery and Ceramics -- a workshop on West Bank. Would you like to put together your own pots? All the facilities will be provided (kilns, potter's wheels, clays, glazes) instruction also for beginners. All we need is enough interest. Call 335-5783 for further details.

BULLETIN Board

People, we are in need of a truck to transport barrels of tin and glass from our neighborhood redemption center to the variousrecycling plants. We willbe using your machine only once monthly

Sarah 377-8524

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CO's: all you who conscientiously object-ANNOUNCING- it's up to you, isn't it?Live-Learn Center Campus YMCA. 7:30 PM

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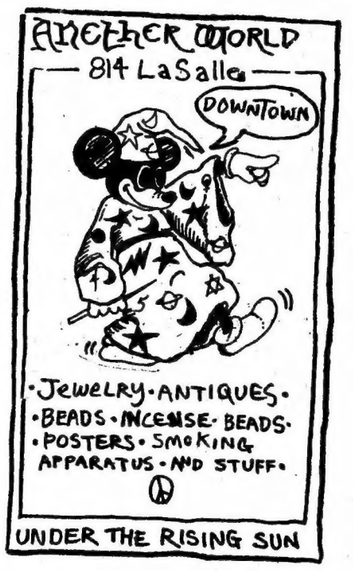

--If anyone interested in low buget movie dealing with a satire on education and war please call. Help appreciated in camera technique, script writing acting etcetera. More actors & actresses needed. Bring friends. A good movie camera could also be used. Call Barb 2256008

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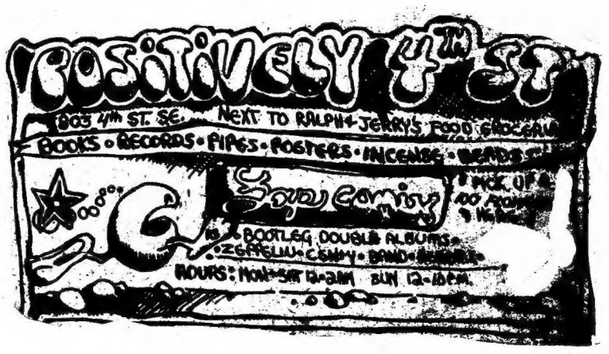


DEATH PENALTY FOR ERICKA AND BOBBY--

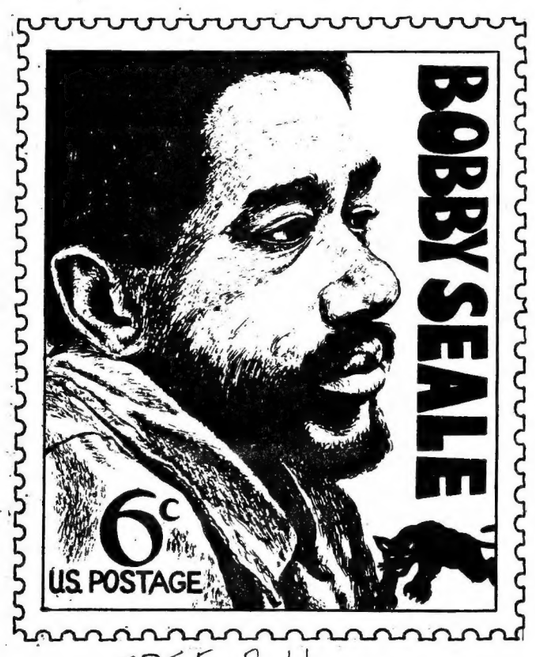
by Jan Von Flatern

LIBERATION News Service

They are trying to kill Bobby Seale. Ramparts said that last spring. Last spring it seemed that the American Movement was not willing to allow that to happen. "If they are bound up tight, we'll hold back the night and there won't be no light for days." The Black Panther Party says that occasionally. Most of us used to think that they meant it.

This winter, however, as Ericka Huggins and Bobby Seale sit in a courtroom watching their jury being selected, they watch alone. The State of Connecticut is systematically (and legally) eliminating from that jury anyone who will not accept the idea of killing Ericka and Bobby. A person must believe in capital punishment in order to serve. The state's attorney is very clear about that. And he has reason to believe that he can get away with it.

None of us are exempt from blame for the fact that, as the New York Times put it a little while ago, "all is quiet on the Green now." White radicals, confused and feeling impotent, are just now beginning to plunge themselves back into the war issue with a vengeance. Which is good -- but, as always, the problems at home are more difficult to deal with. And the Black Panther Party, to whom radicals look -- often blindly -- for leadership where political prisoners are concerned, is spread too thin.



FREE Bobby & Ericka

Elaine Brown was here at the trial; members of the 21 come up once in a while, and Huey has come and probably will again. But that is hardly enough. Bobby and Ericka belong to all of us and their lives are dependent on all of us. It is easy to think that they won't really be executed -- there hasn't been an execution in Connecticut in ten years. But, at a time when the American public is being primed for the use of atomic weapons in Asia, it makes no sense to underestimate the beast.

The jury selection can be very dull, especially when it is as prolonged as this one. After three weeks, and nearly 200 candidates, there are only three jurors -- two black and one white. But, as Charles Garry, Bobby's lawyer, has repeatedly said, this is the most important part of the trial.

There are only 30 seats in the New Haven courtroom -- on some days, there are not even 30 people to sit in those seats. And there are none outside, either.

All is very quiet on the New Haven Green.

WILL WE LET IT HAPPEN?

"Free All Political Prisoners" really says that we all in America are under fascist pig confinement...maximum and minimum confinement...Everyone who loves is a prisoner under fascism. **BOBBY SEALE** from Niantic Prison

SEATTLE 7

Six men and one woman are on trial in Tacoma's Federal Courthouse on charges of conspiring to do damage to two federal buildings in Seattle. Five of them are also charged with the "Rap Brown Act"--crossing state lines with the intent to incite a riot. Joe Kelly, Jeff Dowd, Chip Marshall, Sue Stern, Roger Lippman, Mike Abeles, and Mike Lerner (Michael Justesen was also indicted but has been been underground and sending back taped messages since April) are revolutionaries in their twenties who have been organizing in Seattle for the past year. Their charges stem from a demonstration they helped plan last February 17 at which 2,000 people showed their rage at the Chicago conspiracy trial convictions and at the treatment Bobby Seale had received in Hoffman's kangaroo court. There was heavy trashing of the Federal Courthouse and Federal Office Building, many battles with cops, and close to 100 people were arrested that day.

Nine months later, the Seattle Conspiracy trial is shaping up as a test of the success of Nixon's law 'n order policy in general and of the federal conspiracy law in particular. Many establishment papers around the country aren't reporting on the trial, but don't let that fool you about its importance. If the Seattle people are found guilty, any political radical, black or white, who plans a demonstration that gets violent will stand a good chance of being put away for a minimum of 5 years

TACOMA, Wash (LNS)--After repeated delays, the trial of the Seattle Conspiracy finally opened on November 23. Judge George Boldt had ordered the case moved from Seattle 30 miles south to this industrial community of 150,000 to avoid demonstrations, but 200 people turned out anyway on the first day of the trial and danced around the courthouse chanting "Free the Eight and Stop the Trial" in the middle of a heavy downpour. Meanwhile, inside the heavily guarded building, the defendants and their four lawyers were fighting to get a jury of their peers... and failing.

Part of the problem was the make-up of the prospective jury panel. Out of 115 people, there were two middle-aged blacks, no Chicanos or Indians, and only a sprinkling of people under 35 in the group. And Judge George Boldt didn't help the situation any.

Boldt has been a federal judge for 17 years and loves to do the questioning of jurors about their opinions and personal background all by himself. Boldt's method was to ask possible jurors very general questions to which they were only allowed to respond with a "yes" or a "no". One of his favorites, "Do you have any objections to young people who have long hair or beards or who dress in a style sometimes referred to as 'hippie' or 'new left'?" was usually good for a couple of laughs from the packed gallery filled entirely by supporters of the defendants. But the net effect of this tedious process was no joke: Boldt's questions narrowed down the jury to the select few who claimed to know nothing about the Black Panther Party, Weatherman, or SDS; had no opinion about the Vietnam war or any other political issue issue, and almost never read a newspaper or listened to the radio.

Stan Pitkin, the politically ambitious prosecutor, saw to it that no one young and even mildly anti-war would get to sit in judgment of the seven young radicals. The second day of the trial, after Pitkin used one of his eight "peremptory challenges" to get rid of a 23-year-old junior high school teacher who had told the judge that he was in favor of non-violent demonstrations and occasionally read an underground newspaper, the spectators and defendants stood up to complain. One freak in the gallery shouted, "Youth can never get a fair trial in this court," and stamped out. Boldt then threatened to "take actions against any further disruption," but defendant Sue Stern shot back, "Stan Pitkin is the only one disrupting this trial" and got loud applause from the spectators.

The next day, resistance to the jury-selecting fiasco escalated and so did the response. In the late afternoon, a well-dressed white man in his early forties was called to take one of the plush leather chairs in the jury box. He answered the judge's litany of questions with honest opinions in contrast to the intimidated "yes, your honors" that most of the other jurors had given. A full-time drug counselor to kids, he stated firmly that "we should get out of Vietnam as quickly as possible" and praised peaceful demonstrations as "the way to do it."

The sixty-odd people in the gallery tensed up, anticipating the prosecutor's obvious next move.

As soon as Pitkin finished saying, "Your honor, please excuse juror number six (the drug counselor)" in his habitual monotone, all the defendants and their supporters were on their feet letting both the prosecutor and the judge know what a farce they

thought the promised fair trial had become. Judge Boldt lost his cool for the first time in three days and screeched, "Please be seated or silent!" in the direction of the defense table. He sounded like a mean old teacher who had lost control of his temperamental class forever.

But this teacher had some help to call on. Boldt instructed the jury to leave and ordered the entire staff of 9 federal marshals which had flooded the courtroom to take out the various spectators who Boldt evidently thought thought were shouting the loudest. As one woman started fighting her way out of the tight grasp of two marshals, one of the feds slipped a blackjack out of his pocket and was about to use it when Sue Stern yelled, "Don't hit her, you bastard!", reminding the marshal that the scene was far too public for the usual brutality. After that the woman walked out quietly along with two of her friends.

In a quieter courtroom the judge was again in command. He told the defendants that their "violent remarks and violent gestures" had been "contemptible" but that he was not going to actually charge them with contempt "at this time." When he reprimanded the defense lawyers for not "controlling their clients' behavior" defense attorney Jeffrey Steinborn expressed his support of his clients by answering Boldt, "I am ashamed to have stood by silently for so long."

The other lawyers made similar statements.

Chip Marshall, who is conducting his own defense in the trial, compared the bias of the legal system in a political trial to a man running out of his burning house shouting an obscenity being arrested for disturbing the peace. "You should arrest the people who set the fire and henchmen like Pitkin who cover it up," Chip finished.

At the end of the day on November 25, the defense and the prosecution agreed to accept the jury. The average age of the eight men and four women is 43 years old, compared to 24 for the defendants.

The defendants, five of whom came under heavy criticism in early September from two Seattle women's groups (see Bridges nos 43 and46), are making an attempt to not become "stars" as a result of the spectacular coverage the mass media in the Seattle area is giving the trial. But a political trial is hardly the best place for radical men to reform their behavior and attitudes toward women. *

Attention is understandably focused on the words and actions of the defendants in the first place and the kind of aggressive, highly politicized defense that has been initiated puts the men who were criticized (Mike Abeles, Mike Lerner, Chip Marshall, Jeff Dowd, and Joe Kelly) in even more of a spotlight.

Other men and women working on the Conspiracy defense will have to challenge these five men continually on their often elitist ways of treating their supporters. It seems to me, this challenge plus an accentuated effort to focus on the issues of imperialism, racism, repression, and the position of women in capitalist society in and outside the courtroom, is the main way in which the Seattle radical movement can be strengthened by the trial no matter what the final verdict may be.

Actually, a political trial is as good a place as any for radical men to deal with their behavior and attitudes toward women. Reforming one's role as oppressor must happen wherever and in whatever situation radical men find themselves.

One of the biggest problems about this whole trial has been a lot of men's insistence on keeping the two issues separate: let's deal with the trial now and worry about chauvinism later.* This is what women have been told in every revolutionary movement in history. We women cannot tolerate this any longer. Our liberation must be an organic part of the whole revolution, or else no one will have really won.

We hope that in all future discussions of the Seattle 8 Trial--and all other similar situations--we can begin to eliminate the false separation of political issues vs women's issues that has existed up until now.

--the Seattle Women

ed. Note: A mistrial was granted to the Seattle seven after an FBI agent admitted he lied on the witness stand. He said he lied because he wanted to convict the defendants. However, Judge George H. Boldt sentenced the seven defendants to six months in jail for contempt of courtafter screaming, kicking, and brawling erupted in his court again. Five of the defendants received two consecutive six-month sentences. The new trial will begin when all seven defendants have served their sentences.

SOLEDAD 7

The Soledad 3 trial of Black prisoners accused of killing a white guard hasn't even begun, and the guardians of justice have decided they want more Soledad indictments. On July 22 another guard in Soledad prison was killed and since the Soledad 3 were safely locked away, the responsibility for the crime had to be put on some other prisoner's shoulders.

Right after the murder seven Black men -- Jessie Phillips, Walter Watson, Jimmy James, O.C. Allen, Jimmy Wagner, Roosevelt Williams, and Alfred Dunn, were charged with the murder, thrown into 7x5 solitary cells and repeatedly interrogated about the guard's death.

Before the seven's preliminary hearing, Soledad officials posted notices offering early Parole and monetary rewards to any inmate who would testify against them.

Five months have passed since the murder and the seven brothers have sat in their tiny cells while the legal system crawls along at its own pace.

There has been one hassle after another about getting lawyers to represent the prisoners. Judge Gordon Campbell (the judge who was assigned to the Soledad 3 before their case was transferred out of Salinas) has refused to appoint the brothers' choice point the brothers' choice for their public defender, Patrick Hallinan. Instead, Campbell appointed Hallinan as the lawyer for only Jimmy Wagner and appointed court lawyers for the six other men.

Hallinan and five other lawyers came to the arraignment and asked to be appointed by the court in place of the five Campbell-appointed lawyers who did not really want to get involved and were not trusted by the seven. In California a prisoner who is convicted of killing a guard gets an automatic death penalty. The courtroom scene that day was so obviously intended to railroad the brothers into the gas chamber that even the public defenders appointed by Campbell were angry. Each of them asked to withdraw from the case, recommending that the five lawyers who volunteered along with Hallinan be assigned to take their places.

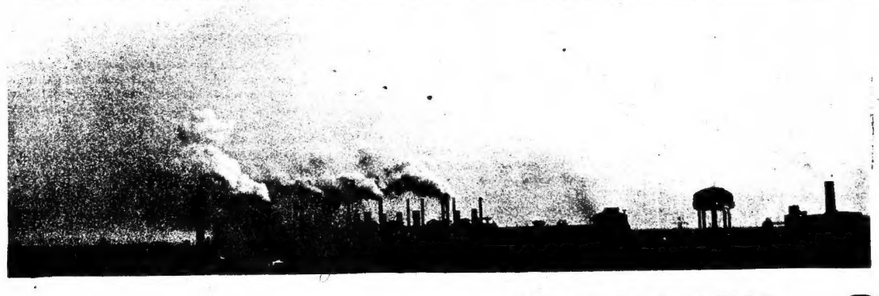
The judge refused to do this, on the grounds that he did not "personally know the ethnical and professional competence of these men." The public defenders agreed to testify in behalf of the new lawyers, and the new lawyers volunteered to take the witness stand, but Campbell refused to allow this.

At this point Hallinan objected to Campbell's proceedings, saying, "You appointed me counsel for one of the defendants but you don't know ethical and professional competence either." Campbell cleared the courtroom and then fired Hallinan.

Early this month the final pretrial hearing was held; Campbell presided, Hallinan could not represent the seven, and six court-appointed lawyers tried to withdraw from the case again. The judge is insisting that either the brothers take unwilling lawyers as their defenders, or else get the lawyers of their choice to take the case at their own expense.

Campbell then asked the brothers to enter pleas. The seven replied that without adequate legal counsel they could not enter pleas of "not guilty" into the record for all seven. taken him out of the hospital to bring him to court without checking with the doctor. Campbell entered pleas of "Not guilty" into the record for all seven.

Monday, Dec. 8, Campbell gave in and appointed Hallinan as Jimmy Wagner's lawyer. But the fight to allow him to represent all of the seven will be long and heavy. Next hearing is set for February 1. Meanwhile the seven remain in solitary..



NOTICE: Five of the Minn. eight will be sentenced on Monday, Dec. 28, at 9 a.m. in Judge (pig) Devitt's courtroom in St. Paul. They can receive a maximum of 5 yrs. in prison. BE THERE
FREE THE EIGHT
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW!

STANDARD OIL'S KARMA

Once its smokestacks poured oceans of rolling black chemical smoke into New Jersey's air, smoke made from the cracking of oil that Standard Oil sucks out of Venezuela. Now the Bayway Refinery (how much of its crude oil fuels B-52s over Vietnam and Laos) is a twisted square of shattered metal, chared vehicles, and broken iced over pipelines.

The explosion Dec. 6 broke windows as far as 40 miles away. In neighboring Elizabeth so many windows were gone that full-scale looting occupied the police all night long. Linden itself is a small town about ten miles from New York City, tucked inside a polluted inlet behind Staten Island. The night sky turned to day in the whole area as 1000-foot flames engulfed the Humble Oil and Refining Co. plant (Humble is a subsidiary of the Rockerfeller-owned Standard Oil of New Jersey, which markets ESSO products.

Several million dollars of damage was done to the refinery, one of the company's six largest plants. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages were done to homes in the area of the blast.

The Linden Bayway plant is the kind of atrocity that inspires sabotage. But it is still a very open question whether the blast, which injured thirty-eight people, was an act of anti-imperialist sabotage, or a dangerous accident for which Standard Oil is responsible.

Linden's Mayor John T. Gregorio says, "We're definitely thinking along the lines that it was sabotage." Local police have so far presented two pieces of "evidence" to that effect -- veritied reports that a helicopter was flying over the refinery just before the explosion, and an alleged telephone call to police headquarters two hours before.

According to the police, the caller warned in a drawling voice that the refinery was to go up, and "Burn, baby, burn!" The rhetoric of the supposed call, which was said to have ended "Get it, pig?" sounds like a line from a Grade B movie. Skeptical reporters asked the chief if his department has recieved many such calls which would be recorded similarly on the headquarters new incoming call recording system. No, he said, we actually haven't taped any other calls. This new system has been in effect for three months.

The helicopter clue doesn't sound much more conclusive. The craft, silver with an orange stripe, was probably an innocent passer-by. It looked "like a cargo helicopter," a witness said. But even if the helicopter did do something to cause the blast, the question of the sabotage being done by radicals is still unanswered. Standard Oil says that doing a job on a refinery requires some very technical knowledge; besides, who on our side has a helicopter?

No acknowledged revolutionary group has taken credit for this instance of "material damage" to imperialism. A New York radio station got a call shortly after the blast from a group that claimed they had blown up the refinery. WINS said the group called itself the United Revolutionary Socialist Front. No one has ever heard of it.

The FBI has already been called into the investigation, presumably on the assumption that sabotage has been done. You can be sure that they'll come up with something or someone; but it probably won't be that Standard Oil Company had spent $1.49 on a cheap safety valve when they could have bought a better one for $1.98.

(FLASH: According to the N.Y. News 12/8/70, probers found no trace of explosives at the refinery.)